

Life to the Full series
Week 8 Outline
April 3, 2022
Matthew 14:22-33

LIFE to the FULL — Jesus Brings Courage

I. The Winds of the World... (Matthew 14:22-26)

A. Causes the:

1. Fear of the Future — Question our Identity — No Value
2. Fear of Loneliness — Question our Belonging — All Alone
3. Fear of Failure — Question our Purpose — Complete Cowards

B. Causes Us to:

1. Minimize Jesus (Matthew 14:13-21)
2. Misapply Jesus (John 6:15, Mark 6:45, Matthew 8:18, Matthew 14:22-23)
3. Misunderstand Jesus (Matthew 14:22-24)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear.

II. The Words of the LORD! (Matthew 14:27-30a)

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

"Take heart [Take courage!]; it is I. Do not be afraid."

- ▶ Jesus Overcomes the World for Us (John 16:33)
- ▶ Jesus Meets Us in the Storms (Matthew 14:25)
- ▶ Jesus Reminds Us He is God (Exodus 3:14)
- ▶ Jesus Knows Us Intimately (Psalm 139:14)

- ▶ Jesus Gives Us Grace and Calls Us to Trust Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- ▶ Jesus Brings Us LIFE to the FULL (whereas fear *prevents* LIFE to the FULL!)

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

III. The Way to Real Courage is the Way of Jesus (Matthew 14:30b-33)

- A. Know His Voice (John 10) — Jesus communicates through His Word
- B. Get Out of the Boat — Jesus invites us to walk to Him and with Him
- C. Keep Our Eyes Fixed (Hebrews 12:2) — Jesus authors and perfects our Faith

... and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."